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Arrival at Reedy Island of vessels from Mexican and West Indian ports.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., December 15, 1901.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River, I have the honor to report the arrival at this station of the following vessels: December 8, 1901, British steamship *Mexicano*, from Tampico, in ballast; no passengers; bill of health signed by Samuel Magill, consul, and by medical inspector, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service. December 9, 1901, American schooner *Slater*, from Havana, with bones; no passengers; bill of health signed by Surgeon Glennan. December 11, 1901, Norwegian steamship *Peter Jebsen*, from Tampico, in ballast; no passengers; bill of health signed by Samuel E. Magill, consul and medical inspector, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
In Command.

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

Laredo, Tex., December 11, 1901—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit the following inspection report for the week ended December 7, 1901: Number of passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 14; persons on passenger trains inspected, 659; immigrants inspected, 20; immigrants vaccinated upon entry, 7; Pullman Company soiled linen disinfected, 4,432 pieces.

Detention of passengers and disinfection of personal effects not necessary during winter.

LAREDO, TEX., December 11, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report receipt of your telegram dated December 11, 1901, "Not necessary to detain passengers or disinfect personal effects during winter months; inspection should be for detection of illness only—letter follows." I had not detained any passengers after November 15 on account of coming from yellow fever infected ports, but have only disinfected some dirty appearing baggage. I operated according to instructions received for 1899-1900, supposing they would be applicable to this year also, especially as this has been an exceptionally favorable year as regards epidemics of yellow fever.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

CONNECTICUT.—Reports to the State board of health for the month of November, 1901, from 162 towns having an aggregate census population of 903,001, show a total of 1,104 deaths, including diphtheria, 28; enteric fever, 23; measles, 3; scarlet fever, 7; whooping cough, 8, and 120 from phthisis pulmonalis.

ILLINOIS—*Chicago.*—Month of September, 1901. Estimated population, 1,758,025. Total number of deaths, 2,070, including diphtheria,

34 ; enteric fever, 74 ; measles, 3 ; scarlet fever, 8 ; whooping cough, 21, and 207 from tuberculosis.

INDIANA—*Evansville*.—Month of November, 1901. Estimated population, 65,000. Total number of deaths, 57, including enteric fever, 1, and 12 from tuberculosis.

Michigan City.—Two weeks ended December 16, 1901. Census population, 14,850. Total number of deaths, 10.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended December 14, 1901, from 85 observers, indicate that cerebro-spinal meningitis, erysipelas, measles, pneumonia, and scarlet fever were more prevalent and inflammation of bowels, intermittent fever, remittent fever, and whooping cough were less prevalent than in the preceding week. Cerebro spinal meningitis was reported present at 5, whooping cough at 19, measles at 20, diphtheria at 43, enteric fever at 68, smallpox at 72, scarlet fever at 116, and phthisis pulmonalis at 194 places.

Grand Rapids.—Month of November, 1901. Estimated population, 90,000. Total number of deaths, 76, including diphtheria, 3 ; enteric fever, 2, and 5 from tuberculosis.

MINNESOTA—*St. Paul*.—Month of November, 1901. Estimated population, 165,000. Total number of deaths, 111, including diphtheria, 6 ; enteric fever, 2, and 23 from tuberculosis.

NEBRASKA—*South Omaha*.—Two weeks ended December 14, 1901. Census population, 2,601. Total number of deaths not reported. Two deaths from scarlet fever reported.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—*Manchester*.—Month of November, 1901. Estimated population, 60,000. Total number of deaths, 78, including enteric fever, 1, and 9 from tuberculosis.

NEW JERSEY—*Hudson County*.—Month of October, 1901. Population, 386,048. Total number of deaths, 721, including diphtheria, 26 ; enteric fever, 10 ; scarlet fever, 2 ; smallpox, 1 ; whooping cough, 1, and 80 from phthisis pulmonalis.

NEW YORK—*Buffalo*.—Month of November, 1901. Census population, 352,387. Total number of deaths, 424, including diphtheria, 19 ; enteric fever, 5 ; measles, 2 ; scarlet fever, 5 ; whooping cough, 1 ; smallpox, 1, and 42 from tuberculosis.

OHIO—*Toledo*.—Month of November, 1901. Estimated population, 150,000. Total number of deaths, 105, including diphtheria, 8 ; enteric fever, 5 ; measles, 1, and 6 from tuberculosis.

Zanesville.—Month of November, 1901. Estimated population, 28,000. Total number of deaths, 22, including diphtheria, 6, and 5 from tuberculosis.

WISCONSIN—*Milwaukee*.—Month of November, 1901. Estimated population, 295,000. Total number of deaths, 317, including diphtheria, 10 ; enteric fever, 5 ; scarlet fever, 2, and 43 from tuberculosis.